

REMARKS

The subject matter of claim 15 was mistakenly cancelled in an authorized Examiner's Amendment as being non-elected subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reentry of the subject matter of claim 15, reproduced below. The subject matter of claim 15 is directed to vanadium species of the allowed genus of claim 4. The compounds of original claim 15 are presented in the form of new claims 20-39. The abbreviations have been replaced with full names for consistency with the other allowed claims.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein said vanadium compound is: VCp₂Cl₂, VCp₂Br₂, VCp₂I₂, VCp₂(N₃)₂, VCp₂(CN)₂, VCp₂(NCO)₂, VCp₂(NCO)Cl, VCp₂(NCS)₂, VCp₂(NCS_e)₂, VCp₂Cl (CH₃CN)(FeCl₄), VCp₂(O₃SCF₃)₂, V(MeCp)₂Cl₂, V(Me₅Cp)₂Cl₂, VCp₂(acac), VCp₂(hf-acac), VCp₂(bpy), VCp₂(cat), VCp₂(dtc), VCp₂PH, or VCp₂H.

wherein the specification at page 7 provides:

acac, acetylacetonate
Bpy, 2,2' Bipyridine
Hf-acac, hexafluoroacetylacetonate
Cat, catecholate
Dtc, diethyl dithio carbamate
Phen, phenanthroline
PH, N-phenyl benzohydroxamic acids
H, acetohydroxamic acid

It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the application before issuance of the patent. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be beneficial with regard to the above amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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